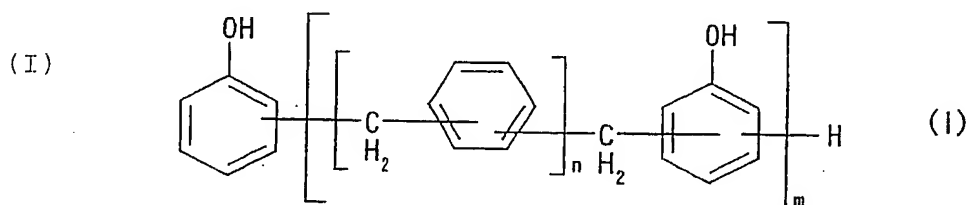


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A vinyl ether curing composition comprising a polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and a polyhydric phenol compound.
2. (original) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 1, comprising 100 parts by weight of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound, 30 to 200 parts by weight of the polyhydric phenol compound, 10 to 3000 parts by weight of a filler, and 10 to 200 parts by weight of a flame retardant.
3. (currently amended) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound is a tetra- or higher functional vinyl ether compound.
4. (currently amended) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the polyhydric phenol compound is a phenol resin represented by general formula (I):

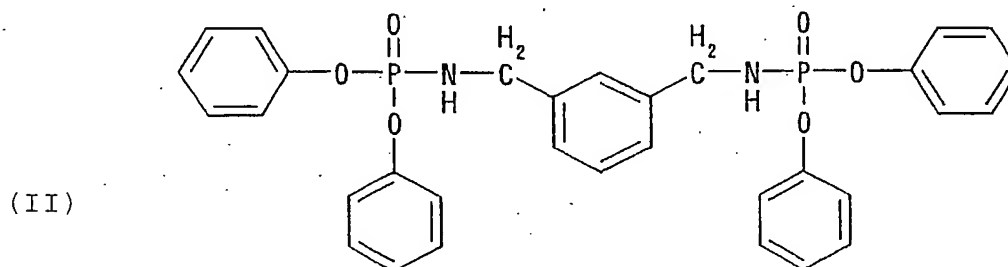


wherein n represents 0 or 1; and m represents a number of from 1 to 10000.

5. (currently amended) The vinyl ether curing composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, containing 10 to 1000 parts by weight of silica as the filler per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

6. (currently amended) The vinyl ether curing composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, containing 10 to 50 parts by weight of a phosphorus-based flame retardant as the flame retardant per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

7. (original) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 6, wherein the phosphorus-based flame retardant is a compound represented by formula (II):

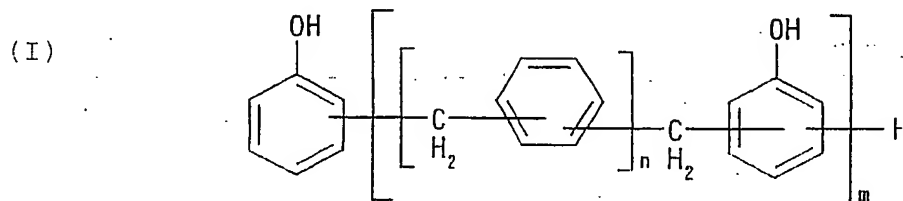


8. (currently amended) The vinyl ether curing composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, further comprising a polyepoxy compound.

9. (currently amended) A prepreg formed by using the vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~.

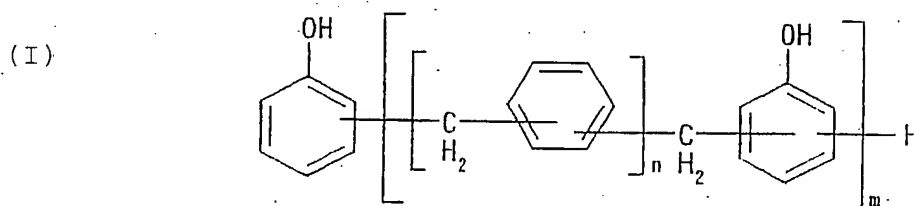
10. (new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 2, wherein the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound is a tetra- or higher functional vinyl ether compound.

11.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 2, wherein the polyhydric phenol compound is a phenol resin represented by general formula (I):



wherein n represents 0 or 1; and m represents a number of from 1 to 10000.

12.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 3, wherein the polyhydric phenol compound is a phenol resin represented by general formula (I):



wherein n represents 0 or 1; and m represents a number of from 1 to 10000.

13.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 2, containing 10 to 1000 parts by weight of silica as the filler per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

14.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 3, containing 10 to 1000 parts by weight of silica as the filler per 100 parts by weight of the total of the

polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

15.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 4, containing 10 to 1000 parts by weight of silica as the filler per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

16.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 2, containing 10 to 50 parts by weight of a phosphorus-based flame retardant as the flame retardant per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

17.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 3, containing 10 to 50 parts by weight of a phosphorus-based flame retardant as the flame retardant per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

18.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 4, containing 10 to 50 parts by weight of a phosphorus-based flame retardant as the flame retardant per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

19.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 5, containing 10 to 50 parts by weight of a phosphorus-based flame retardant as the flame retardant per 100 parts by weight of the total of the polyfunctional vinyl ether compound and the polyhydric phenol compound.

20.(new) The vinyl ether curing composition according to claim 2, wherein the phosphorus-based flame retardant is a compound represented by formula (II):

